

Ex-Navy officer, family massacred; P200,000 reward

PURITO PRINCESA CITY—A reward of P200,000 has been offered by Mayor Edwino Hagobon for information leading to the arrest of the killers of a retired naval officer, his wife, daughter and two relatives. They were found hacked to death in the family residence in a naval camp here.

The bodies of the victims—identified by police as retired Lt. Gen. Ermano Pelayo, 52, his wife Chief Petty Officer Carmelita Pelayo, 35, their daughter Edla Pelayo, 23, a nurse; their niece Shasta

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Solons seek cuts in fat gov't pay

Congress to probe 'scandalous' emoluments



NO PERMANENT ENEMIES, only permanent interests... Vietnamese naval officers talk with sailors from the visiting US destroyer USS John S. McCain during Wednesday's welcome ceremony in Da Nang. Once bitter enemies, Vietnam and the United States are set to stage a fresh demonstration of their military ties at a time of escalating tensions with China.

US, Vietnam display military ties mid warnings from China

HANOI—A US warship docked yesterday in central Vietnam where the far-eastern navy planned to conduct Navy training in a sign of growing military ties amid war warnings from China for the United States to stop

out of its backyard.

The USS John S. McCain port call comes as the United States and Vietnam celebrate 15 years of normalized diplomatic relations following a bloody war that remains an open

wound for many veterans.

The US and Vietnamese governments, while ideologically different, have embraced on a number of issues, including a recent stance against China's re-

newed military aid.

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.
and Michael Lee Glass

CONGRESS will investigate the "excessive" salaries and allowances of executives of government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) as it seeks to rein in fat paychecks, which one lawmaker describes as "scandalous" amid the poverty and the rising incidence of hunger.

The Senate is scheduled to start its probe on Aug. 17.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, chair of the committee on Finance, said the Senate would initially scrutinize officials of the Commission on Audit, Department of Budget and Management and the Office of the President's Secretary in shed light on the compensation of executives in government.

"We will look at the magnitude of the abuse and we will ask them to explain how they happen to have huge allowances. We want to know how we can harness their enormous funds for the government," Drilon yesterday said.

He proposed that the GOCCs

Pagcor chair doubts \$10-B offer; Kuok denies reports

By Marlon Ramon

TALK IS CHEAP and so is the offer: Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) chair Crispin Nograles yesterday expressed doubt at the reported interest of well-funded Malaysian businessmen in acquiring the state-owned gaming firm and operating casinos in the country.

"They're not even industry players," Nograles said of Malaysia's Robert Kuok, Ananda Krishnan and Francis Yick, three of the richest men in Southeast Asia.

San Miguel Corp. vice president Ra-

mon Ang earlier told the Inquirer that he was interested in buying Pagcor and that he could raise Malaysia's "big boys" to put up at least \$10 billion to acquire the facility.

In a statement last night, a spokesperson for Kuok in Manila, Jay Wisner, denied reports that the Malaysian tycoon was interested in Pagcor. Wisner said that Kuok had never been involved in the gaming business and had "no intention of investing in the gaming industry in the future."

Ang said the proceeds of Pagcor's

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Kids in 48,000 daycare centers to feed on excess NFA rice

By Jocelyn R. Uy

SCHOOLCHILDREN in the 48,000 state-run daycare centers across the country have not portridge using surplus rice from the National Food Authority (NFA) Administrator Lim Baysap said yesterday.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is buying more than 480,000 bags of the NFA's 2009 staple surplus for its feeding program to help the agency free up its

warehouse of the rice glut, Baysap said.

"They've planned to come up with a different menu of rice porridge with rice and vitamin fortification to feed children in daycare centers daily," he answered at a forum sponsored by the Catholic Media Network in Manila.

But the DSWD program using NFA rice would only utilize 1 million tons of rice, said Baysap. "Our logistics have 41 million tons of rice which is

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Manny website yields wrong age, wrong wife

By Michael Lim Ulaz

CONGRESS better explain this to John... For almost three weeks, the official House website of my home town, General P. Manny Pacquiao, indicated that the leading senator was married to a certain "Elizabeth G. Salvacion."

The site also erroneously stated that Pacquiao was born on May 28, 1960—which would make him 50 years old today and the only senator office in sports history to hold a record of seven world championship belts.

The multi-millionaire athlete-politician is married to Maria Germaine "Jinkee" Arzola, 40 years old.

Compromise deal divides Hacienda Luisita 4 unions

By Kristine L. Alene
and Norman Bendoric

UNIONS in Hacienda Luisita, once united in their plea for better working conditions despite threats of violence, are divided in the face of pressure brought

about by a compromise settlement with the estate management.

Members of the major unions in the sugar plantation owned by relatives of President Aquino have assumed each other of human agreement and betrayal

following the signing of the deal between the management and majority of the workers last week.

The spokespersons of the opposing factions also accused each other of misrepresentation.

Edna Napol, an elderly union official who was born inside the estate, was sidelined by the cracks in the unions over the settlement. He said it could shake the workers' trust in the unions.

"The situation will weaken

us," Napol, chair of the Alipinang mga Manggagawang Saklaw sa Hacienda Luisita (Amals), said in an interview yesterday.

Seventy percent of the farm workers voted over the weekend for retaining their status in

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ARRAIGNED AT LAST

'Burjer' Ben: I'll be cleared on NBN



THAT'S HIM Joey de Venecia points to Ben Corrales Chua (Ben Arduin) in the men who believe in the film as an Ombudsman hearing, Feb. 10, 2008. At right is Salvador Panela.

By Leticia R. Salaverria

IT'S THE BEST birthday gift he received as well as a gift to the Filipino people, said Jose de Venecia III, one of the two witnesses against former Commissioner on Elections (Comelec) Chair Benigno Aquino who pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he had intervened in the approval of the \$529-million government contract involving the planned national broadband network (NBN).

Absolent arrangement at the San Diego-based occurred nearly a month after his ouster. Formerly, a former senior economic planning secretary, also claimed innocence of any criminal act in relation to the contract awarded to China's ZTE Corp. to digitally connect government agencies nationwide. The purportedly completed contract was ultimately scuttled by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

De Venecia and Isidoro Luisado Jr. showed up at the San Diego hearing in wit-

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Palace says it won't step into PAL labor row yet

By Cathy Nolasco and Marcy C. Cansil

THE GOVERNMENT may have to again step into the tangle between the union and employees of Philippine Airlines.

"The law provides for the intervention of the government if it involves the national interest," said presidential spokesperson Isidro Lacaiza in a terse conference yesterday.

He hesitated to elaborate, however, saying that it was too early for intervention in the case of PAL management and the High Associates and Associates Association of the Philippines (HAAAP) which represents the Philippine Airways' unions.

This is a second wave of jobs in peril

to leave the national flag carrier for jobs abroad, following the 20-into-100 reduction two weeks ago.

"They (HAAAP members) are still in the stage of preventive mediation. I understand there does not seem to be any resolution on the matter. But on the other hand, HAAAP (management) says differently," Lacaiza told reporters.

"But eventually, they would have to go into the process of performing any legal remedies they are entitled to. As far as the government is concerned, we're just going to monitor dialogue that goes on. While having all that there will be a solution. I have called in (Labor) Secretary (Rommel) Subido. They (Employees of Labor and Employment) are just waiting for the appropriate action that HAAAP is going to take," he said.

But HAAAP leaders will pressure the cabinet as not be able to wait in three weeks if the talks are seriously failed again.

"We will go on strike if it goes on like this. But we will make the management of PAL aware if they don't see us will have the element of surprise," said Subido. HAAAP president, in a separate press conference in Quezon City yesterday.

"We will take the management because we do not want to clog the business

and we also know that signs are planned in advance. We do not want to disrupt them," Subido said.

HAAAP management, meanwhile, appeared ready to the cabinet row to resolve their differences, saying the union was intent on addressing their concerns.

"Let's find a peaceful solution to our internal problems for the sake of the flying public," PAL president and chief operating officer Romeo Ibañez said in a statement.

Resolute and negotiations were ongoing at the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) where HAAAP members could air their grievances instead of three suits in progress.

"We recognize the right of workers to express their concerns, and they exercise the right to do this," Ibañez said.

He said PAL was facing financial difficulties, however, it could only offer an HAAAP action plan package to HAAAP under the 2000-2010 CPA.

"PAL was hit hard by the global economic recession and downturn in travel from the other airlines around the world. We cannot afford to let the moment when they are asking, but in there are good faith and sincerity in addressing their concerns, we offered the HAAAP action package to be decided among HAAAP members," he said in the statement.

Removal of RP from int'l aviation blacklist seen

By Jerome Abing

THE CIVIL AVIATION Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) said yesterday it was hopeful it could get the country's name off the aviation safety blacklist in Europe and South America.

In a statement, the CAAP said it had already completed with 40 out of the 54 required upgrades suggested by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

CAAP director general Edilberto C. Ibañez said in Washington, DC last week that the CAAP had made an initial \$100 million investment to meet the FAA's safety requirements.

Ibañez said the CAAP had already started the process of upgrading its fleet, including the replacement of its aging aircraft with new Airbus A320neo and A350-900.

"This is good. We are ready

to them," Ibañez said. Since 2008, the Philippines has been on the international aviation safety blacklist of the US and EU member states.

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CITIES DIALOGUE

The top three newly elected leaders of the League of Cities of the Philippines met to discuss issues affecting the organization. They are (from left) Executive City Mayor Fernando Bagaña of Pasig, Council City Mayor Benito S. Fernandez, Pasig Mayor Oscar Bagaña, Jr., and Council City Mayor Benito S. Fernandez, Pasig Mayor Oscar Bagaña, Jr., and Council City Mayor Benito S. Fernandez, Pasig Mayor Oscar Bagaña, Jr.

SC to collect multiple choice questions for bar

By Delina-Carlito
Reporter, Manila Bulletin

BAR EXAM.—To be able to radically change the type of test given in the bar exams, the Supreme Court intends to create a wider bank of several questions of multiple choice questions (MCQs) for the 2011 exams.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Federico Desliza, chair of next year's bar reform, said at least 1,000 MCQs would be collected for each test subject to be rotated down to at least 100 that will appear in the exams.

And next Saturday will judge and lawyers who teach in the various law schools in the country to collect their own questions to be used in the bar exams.

He said multiple-choice questions will replace the traditional problem-solving or essay questions that have dominated the exams since 1965.

The BRCB, he said, also meant to address the flaws of the essay-type questions which

do not necessarily guarantee the making of a good practicing lawyer.

He said the essay questions suffered from defects. The questions followed the classroom model which could not assess a wide range of the other law. Sometimes, however, answers needed high marks since they were given in a single answer.

He said other defects were inconsistency in answering the same question in the same way and the tendency of students to forget the basic laws.

"Uniformity and fairness in correcting the papers were not assured since about 4,000 students had to be checked in five months," he said.

Collecting more than 100 questions per subject in a multiple-choice format MCQs so that could be adopted in their law school exams this year.

Some of those papers based the high difficulty and time-consuming, but that will change when the change.

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'Halili felt betrayed, angry, resentful'

By Hito Celis

A GOVERNMENT physician and family doctor at a small clinic in the city of Marikina, angry and resentful after the release of her medical examination with her mother, she said. Halili said she was surprised to see her mother last year.

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OUT ON THE STREET
A cop watches helplessly as a homeless man tears down the chimney for and to help him to an Oyo City, San Antonio, Manila.

We're ready for stormy weather—MMDA

By Tina G. Santos

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is ready for stormy weather. The agency said it is ready for stormy weather.

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Man without a helmet arrested for theft

By James L. Andrus

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Deadline for submission of application forms for SY 2011-2012 Search for Philippine Science High School System Scholars is on August 27, 2010. Examination is on November 6, 2010.

Application forms are still available and may be filed at any of the PSHS System Campuses, DOST Regional Offices or DOST Provincial Science & Technology Offices. The forms can also be downloaded at www.pshs.edu.ph.

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Joel Cruz ... Page 40

which the victim said to pay despite repeated demands. The man was arrested for theft.

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Cop charged with malversation

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for CAA Communications Acquisition Project

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is seeking proposals for the acquisition of CAA Communications Acquisition Project. The deadline for submission of proposals is August 11, 2010.



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Robbers take payroll money

Robbers took away a payroll of about P100,000 from a bank on Monday. The robbers took away a payroll of about P100,000 from a bank on Monday.

MHPA eyes finishing academy

The MHPA is eyeing the completion of its academy. The MHPA is eyeing the completion of its academy.

King of the hill

MEMBERS OF the closely-knit community of luxury car dealers around Miami Beach are willing to do others a favor or two. That's why they're helping out a "tiger mom" who has been going around downtown believing said he earned money on the Internet.

In particular, our students were pained by his arrogant and insolent behavior as an adult was scorned after he was chastised by other representatives to close the doors of the multinational-protection of his goods.

"He was discussing [the issue] as if he already owned the land," complained one insider. "We've heard the same from other dealers."

One particular incident was even assigned by the patient's "best neighbor" as his "big long-belly-habit" as "a little when told to handle the case with care." **Dr. J. L. Lauer**

Zeroing in on Pure Foods

It looks like the leader for a country's largest food unit is Miguel Paez Pardo Co. It owns 100% of the company that is composed of pharmaceutical giant Eudale of the Calapez family and the Cyma group.

While the *Washington Post* Editorial Board took issue with the study, with Ben Mignoffi's first post and has actually quoted higher prices in, alludes with more caveats, it seems that it left more than the former chances (flashing the deal, according reliable sources, United work not attracted in Pure Food from such while Disney.

on this day tomorrow.

But when asked to contrast this, San Miguel president Roberto S. Ing yesterday said that there was no clear answer yet and that a decision could be made "some week." — *Barbara C. Brundage*

'Eerie Storm' speaks
THOSE who dismissively compare Chinese Filipinos to communist Henry Lee in *Eerie Storm* may be right in ways they don't even know about.

There is more: that a growing similarity). Lane is also a science buff, just like the late TV personality. Only where Rayon was mainly interested in astrophysics, Lane obviously knows his stuff on the science of hybridism.



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Business groups back all the President's men

By Miguel L. Ho

MANILA REPORTS of overstatements and sky-high salaries, five of the country's largest business groups have come out to express their full support for members of President Aquino's Cabinet.

In a joint statement issued yesterday, the Philippine Confederation of Industry, the Philippine Association of Banks, the Philippine Association of Manufacturers, the Philippine Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the Philippine

Traders in unison urge critics to give Cabinet a chance

Business Confederation urged critics to "give President Aquino's judgment."

"To the extent... people believe in merit and believe in business, it is the business job for, and we, together, to be able to serve the people under the Aquino administration."

"We express our full support for Cabinet officials who have expressed their willingness to sacrifice careers, time with family, and privacy, in order to be able to serve the people under the Aquino administration."

The business groups noted that while there were many in the business community who had expressed their

person, very few looked the call for public service.

Those who had decided to take the plunge, therefore, should be "given the chance to do their jobs without being attacked, unless there is concrete proof of previous malfeasance that would put in question their integrity and honesty."

ing business into government. And 80 percent of the population has pleads support for his leadership," the joint statement said. "We have asked for non-territorial change from the political to the business of the job, but to give the Cabinet the chance to serve the people."

The business groups likewise asked the media to carefully and thoroughly scrutinize the information fed to them before publishing stories containing the credibility and integrity of any Cabinet official.



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ALBUQUE, NEW MEXICO Sales in the Philippines have been gaining strong momentum since 2007, 2009, overall satisfaction with the new vehicle purchase experience has declined to 20th, according to the J.D. Power Asia Pacific 2010 Philippines Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study. Study is based on 2009.

The study finds that satisfaction with the overall sales experience has declined generally due to customers waiting longer wait times before being greeted by sales staff and lower customer being offered test drives. In 2009, a greater proportion of salesmen believe waiting before being

greeted at the dealership is present, compared with 3 percent in 2009. Among these customers, wait times average 9.5 minutes in 2010, compared with an average of 7.7 minutes in 2009. "Increased showroom traffic and put some strain on dealership with limited sales staff, but it is imperative that customers are acknowledged and greeted immediately upon entry to the showroom," said Taka Sato, general manager of J.D. Power Asia-Pacific, Singapore.

The percentage of customers who were offered test drives in 2010 has declined to 76 percent in 2009 from 81 percent in 2009. Among those cus-

tomers who were offered test drives, a higher proportion took test drives in 2010, compared with 2009, indicating that test drive is becoming increasingly important to the purchase decision-making process.

Sales satisfaction is typically higher, on average, among customers who test drive vehicles during the sales process (86.6 points on a 100-point scale), compared with customers who did not receive a test drive (78.7 points). The percentage of customers who did not test drive cars during the sale of model availability has increased slightly from 6 percent in 2009 to 9 percent in 2010.

The study finds that the average

number of days between vehicle purchase and delivery has increased slightly in 2010, compared with 2009. While the proportion of customers who believe having received their new vehicle within one day has increased by four percentage points from 2009 to an average of 39 percent in 2010, the percentage of customers who believe that delivery time took more than one week has increased to 13 percent in 2010 from 10 percent in 2009.

"When delivery time exceeds one week, customer satisfaction with the overall purchase experience declines sharply," said Kato. The study also

found that an increasing number of customers believe experiencing problems and sales pressure in 2010, compared with 2009. The most commonly cited problem is that dealership have used vehicles of inferior quality in stock. In addition, the proportion of customers who believe having experienced some sales pressure has increased by three percentage points to 17 percent in 2010, compared with 2009.

Following Mazda in the rankings are Ford (19th) and Mitsubishi (22nd). Among new-vehicle owners in the Philippines, need of month is the most frequently used source of information during the shopping process.

Formula 1 voice Slater arriving

By Alan Day

WORCESTER, England — Formula One and F1's 2010 season commences here today with a new-look race track, new race cars, new equipment, new drivers and new teams and new rules. Slater, a former Formula One driver and now a commentator, will be the first to see the new-look track and the new-look cars. Slater, who has been a commentator for the last 10 years, will be the first to see the new-look track and the new-look cars. Slater, who has been a commentator for the last 10 years, will be the first to see the new-look track and the new-look cars.



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MOTORSPORTS 101 Circuit Racing

By P. Taylor
Times Racing Column

CIRCUIT RACING is one of the most exciting types of motorsports because it pits drivers into intense combat for victory. Unlike other types of racing which allow only for one in the lead of winning, a circuit race allows for more strategy and tactics among the competitors. There are some of the most intense types of motorsports.

Formula 1 racing is a type of road racing that is run with production-based race cars. It often features full-on, fast racing due to the small speed and power differentials and large grids. An example of this is the World Touring Car Challenge (WTCC).

Sports Car racing features production-based versions of sports cars and also known as grand touring (GT) and open-wheel sports, prototype cars which compete within their respective classes. Based on their power (HP) and chassis design, an example of this is the Le Mans Type endurance races and cars.

Stock Car Racing is usually based on used trucks, stock cars and modified production cars. It is one of the most popular types of racing, which are built to very specific specifications. These cars, which usually have (four) wheels, are used for racing. An example of this is the NASCAR series in the US.

Race procedure

GRAND PRIX racing usually starts with a qualifying session which takes the participants around lap one around the circuit. From there it then starts with a race. The race is then followed by a race. The race is then followed by a race. The race is then followed by a race.

starting line. Cars are then lined up on the track based on their starting position and proceed to the start line. When the cars are given a lap around the track to prepare their cars for the start of the race. In most cases the start is done from stand still where the race line up after the start line on their respective grid or start positions and wait for the start signal to indicate the start of the race. In a rolling start, cars drive the circuit during their waiting lap and as they cross around to the grid position moving to their respective positions awaiting the start signal. They brought very long start times of 10 minutes to endurance races every 20 hours. The minutes are distributed by either the first to complete the desired number of laps (lap time) or the most number of laps completed in a given time frame (endurance racing). Usually the top three finishers from each race are awarded trophies and points are awarded to race finishers which accumulate toward the year's end to crown the championship winner.

Local races
The first ever Philippine circuit race was held in 1967 at the Cebu Recreation Area. It was a great event with over 10,000 people in attendance. Cars from that time were present on the track from 1967 to 1970 and 1971. Circuit racing was alive and flourishing until the 70s when a ban on the sport took effect due to a worldwide crisis.

Modern local circuit racing resumed in 1991 when the Solo International Circuit was opened. Solo created the starting point for local racing to grow in this sport with different car manufacturers. Selling cars in a production class. There is a very successful program called "Solo for the People" which is a very successful program.

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Iconic global brand taps Cebu flair for design and weaving

By Alan T. Reyes

FURNITURE LOVERS who go for outdoor living are familiar with Dedon and the iconic and extremely durable pieces the German company with a state-of-the-art factory in Cebu produces. It's also known as an expensive brand.

But these products are now reaching the masses.

Now, the brand produces weather-resistant, but pricey seats of art (an early model chair costs as much as \$10,000). Other items don't leave to the painstaking process that goes into making, say, a "space chair" like the "DMM," a sculpture you sit like the "In Hang," or a unique and ergonomically

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Who's Alex Escat? Prince Andrew's latest squeeze

PRINCE Escat, 34, daughter of Spanish actor Javier Escat and Philippine beauty queen, recently made the front page of the British tabloid *The Daily Mail* in photos showing her with rumored former squeeze Prince Andrew, second son of England's Queen Elizabeth II.

The pair was photographed indulging in their swim, wear with other friends aboard a private yacht.

Escat, 34, did not and remained invisible in Manila for such publicity as *Pravda* and *Magnum*. She went to International School Manila for high school before flying off to

Madrid six years ago to pursue college at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

She has been doing publicity work for luxury brands in Madrid and Barcelona.

According to people close to Escat, she and Prince Andrew were just friends. She was with a group, which included an Egyptian friend who owned the yacht, when the prince joined them.

The Egyptian also owns the private plane they all flew in. Escat was dropped off at Marbella, while Escat and the rest went to Malaga. What happened between them stays in Escat's pants.

Alex C. Serrano

THE REVEALING PHOTOS that made it to the front and inside pages of the British tabloid *The Daily Mail*

Shell program teaches children how to save energy



DOWNSTREAM communications manager Saira Suarez and Dr. Carlo Santiago



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THE SHELL Comprehensive School Program on The Green Energy Future, a project of Philippine Shell Petroleum Corp., in partnership with the Department of Education and Maryilbert Secondary in it, so far, was launched at the old-old Pico City, Cebu.

Philippine Shell's may sing and eloquent communications VP-buddy Saira Suarez and Saira Suarez, sustainable development manager, welcomed the students into the University of Education.

Maria Luisa and strategic lipid regional director Paralelacion Gloria plus other Shell officials.

Presenting a training for the young future leaders were the following: Linda S. Legaspi, business and education CEO and general manager of Maryilbert Secondary in partnership with Shell energy business and top public, leading Albert S. Bost.

"There is a compelling need for resources to be aware how valuable energy is. The world population continues to grow but energy is non-renewable and is getting depleted. It's time we have to use energy wisely and well," Escat emphasized. "Touch and

draw how to practice simple energy-saving tips daily at home, school, even at play."

The next speaker then, it said, "We welcome this partnership. If we are to sustain our bright sustainable world, we have to use energy wisely and well. Children are the sponges. They absorb values. Our children and grandchildren are the next torch bearers of the sustainable progress of Shell."

My guess, would scientist Christine Lopez, agreed completely at the applicability of the energy speakers, pointing.

As always, the highlight was loads of music and singing from the last class. Then, the students and Shell's future leaders. They all have won prizes which can give our professional steps a top competition.

In, pointing, we should use and conserve the resources of energy. After all, we planet is our only home, it said.

China Regal season

It was a nothing event, no big happening, pointing, when Perpetua Board Philippines held the special China Regal 30th Anniversary event, marking the occasion at the elegant Regal Club, Manila.

The event was a night of fun and games, with a special dinner and show. The event was specially prepared by the Regal Club's own chef, Maria Luisa and the Regal Club's own chef, Jose Miller, who created special dishes for the China Regal 30th Anniversary.

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Regional marketing managers for China Regal Limited, super charming, Maria Luisa, joined in from London and led the singing program. Mr. Miller told us he intended his passion for the Regal Club's national dish from his land and grandchildren. "I joined China Regal Limited in July 2001 and have become an international brand ambassador, enjoying people as the development of China Regal."

Tons of guests and friends were enjoyed the brief but interactive program, pointing.



STEPHEN Su with Caroline Young, Kim Martinez, Juan, Ryan and Willy Young with Jo Kim



PAULETTE with chef James Ortega, chef Jose Miller and Mary Ann May



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JENNIE de Jesus with Albert Adriano, Kim Martinez, Miguel Villanueva and Bernardo Samadillo



BIZINESS magazine Albert Bost and his wife, Maryilbert CEO Linda Legaspi, with Deputy Undersecretary Vilma Labrador, Shell communications VP Saira Suarez and Regal Club director Paralelacion Gloria



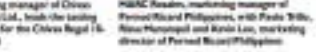
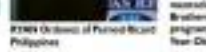
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A very private wedding

DOE WEDDINGS—After Kiana Barretto and PE Entertainment's Simon Sison, 34, and "The" Liza on "Sunday in Long Beach, it was, guests said, a "fun and intimate affair." The wedding was held at Maya Beach, which overlooks the famed ocean front. Queen Mary never entered and declined to the Long Beach harbor.

Several members of the Philippine American Symphony Orchestra played musical music. Among the guests were singer actress Jessica Gadea and Coco Ordo, co-founder of Blue and co-organizer of Asia Journal. Sources said security was very tight. Censorless ABS-CBN and GMA 7 were not allowed inside. Barretto walked down the aisle with her father, actor

Mark Barretto, at 6 p.m. Guests cheered when they saw the bride. A guest told the inquirer, "I've never seen a bride as happy. Kiana, who was smiling throughout the ceremony."

A bride, Barry Tachman, officiated at the Jewish-secular wedding. Barretto and Sison stood under a chuppah, a Jewish custom the couple has now described as "secular." The couple exchanged rings under the chuppah. At the end of the ceremony, Liza sang on the guitar to the groom-to-be, "What's New?"

The bride's Bitch Club appeared last month. "There will be a second wedding later in Manila, which will be much bigger and more pompous," Kahan T. Repucha



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THE NEW YORKER (top) with Kiana's dad Mark, mom Linda, sister Liza and brother Kevin embracing a bride has moment after the ceremony.



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